

THE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Badge Program

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Explore Paper Crafts

When you say "paper crafts" in the US, most people think scrapbook-ing. There are many other paper crafts you can explore.

EXPLORE PAPER CRAFTS

Steps

1. **Bookbinding.**

Assembling pages into a book can be achieved in numerous ways. Japanese stab binding is a good beginner bookmaking craft. Perfect binding, including stitching folios together, is a lot more time-consuming. You can also do minibooks from a single sheet of paper or multiple sheets. Explore different ways to make a book.

2. **Calendars.**

Calendars are a great gift that can be personalized. You can find printable months online and craft around them. Explore handmade calendars online.

3. **Card making.**

Enrichment Project: Card Making Basics

Card making is probably one of the largest areas of paper crafts. Search online to see examples of standard, shaped and even weird cards. Pinterest alone can give you hundreds, if not thousands, of card images to peruse as well as links to tutorials. Explore the Enrichment Project badge program listed with this step.

4. **Mail art.**

Improving the look of your mail is another paper craft. Mail art may be as simple as stamping on an envelope or it could be making your own postcard. Check out examples of mail art. Is this something you might like to do?

5. **Origami, kusadama and kirigami.**

Japan has many paper crafts to explore. Origami is folding a single sheet of paper into a specific shape. Kusadama is folding identical shapes and joining them together. Kirigami is folding a sheet of paper and then cutting a pattern to reveal a silhouette. Explore these different Japanese paper crafts.

6. **Paper jewelry.**

From rolled paper beads to quilled pieces, paper is a great way to make jewelry. Explore jewelry made from paper.

7. **Paper mache.**

Paper mache is used to create three-dimensional pieces that dry to a hard and durable finish. This might include bowls, piñatas, masks or sculpture. Find a paper mache artist or crafter to see what can be done with this paper craft.

8. **Paper making.**

Making paper may not seem like a paper craft, but the pulp itself can be used to make cards, tags, shaped embellishments, etc. You can make paper from recycled mail, dryer lint, plants and more. Explore ways you can make paper.



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9. **Paper toys.**

You can find printable paper toys online to get started. You will need to cut and assemble the pieces to make your “toy.” Some may be simple like pinwheels while others may be complicated. Check out a few sites with paper toys and try your hand at one.

10. **Paper dolls.**

Paper dolls can be printables (see next step) or you can create your own from a blank template. The dolls are only part of the fun. Designing clothing for the dolls can be more fun than the dolls themselves. Explore paper doll offerings online.

11. **Printables.**

A printable is a file that you print on a sheet of paper, but not copy paper. You want something a little thicker like 28# or sometimes cardstock, depending on what the printable is. Printables include everything from paper games to assemblage pieces. You don't have to use printables as they are presented. You can include them in your art or engage others. Explore printables, printable games and templates online.

12. **Scrapbooking.**

Enrichment Project: Scrapbook Basics

Scrapbooks can be everything from a handmade book with photos to embellished pages to a framed paper memory. Anything that deals with photos and memories is generally lumped under scrapbooking. To learn more, check out the listed Enrichment Project badge program or go online and find out more.

13. **Tags.**

Gift tags, mailing tags . . . any sort of tag can be crafted. It might be as simple as a nicely written name to paper flowers embellishing the tag. Explore the many ways to decorate a tag.

14. **Sized-items.**

Some paper crafted items are designated by size. Here are some you can check out.

- Artist trading cards (see the Enrichment Project badge by the same name)
Size: Baseball card (2.5" x 3.5" or 64mm x 89mm)
- Inchies
Size: 1" x 1" square
- Rinchies
Size: 1" diameter circle
- Betwinchies
Size: 1.5" x 1.5" square
- Twosies or Twinchies
Size: 2" x 2" square

Can you find other paper crafted items that are named to conform to a specific size?

15. **So much more.**

As you can imagine, this is only a small sampling of paper crafts you might explore. Keep searching and find a paper craft (or more) that looks like you might enjoy it.

Supplements

See specific badge programs listed in steps above



Sites to Explore

www.craftcreations.com/Section/939/Free-Craft-Projects
blog.papercrafterslibrary.com
www.papertoys.com
www.nicepapertoys.com
www.thetoymaker.com/2Toys.html
www.ravensblight.com
cp.c-ij.com/en/contents/1006
www.favecrafts.com/Papercrafts
www.allthingspaper.net
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